## PRAYER

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| Fajr | 5.30 |
| Zuhar | 12.16 |
| Asr | 4.13 |
| Maghreb | 5.45 |
| Isha | 7.01 |

Starting time in Karachi

## REFLECTIONS

**"MAN IS A WONDERFUL CREATURE; HE SEES THROUGH THE LAYERS OF FAT (EYES), HEARS THROUGH A BONE (EARS) AND SPEAKS THROUGH A LUMP OF FLESH (TONGUE)."**

**— HAZRAT ALI (A.S.)**

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# *Peace & Pieces III* underway at Culture Fest

By Peerzada Salman

KARACHI: The inner struggle of an individual is, arguably, the hardest to depict in an artwork. Hardest, but enjoyable. The reason for that is that when it comes to human beings, interiority is often found to be complex to describe, whereas exteriority is visible hence can be relatively uncomplicated to delineate. The third volume of the *Peace & Pieces* series of exhibitions at the World Culture Festival organised by the Arts Council of Pakistan at its Ahmed Parvez Gallery is underway. It is worth visiting by any stretch of the imagination.

Out of the 14 artists whose works are on display, three have come from abroad. The remarkable thing is that almost all of them have touched upon subjects of memory, loss and dislocation. The last bit can be interpreted both in physical and psychological terms. And this is where the show becomes particularly worth watching. The viewer, by looking at the paintings on view, can also connect the dots and form a story about what's transpiring, or maybe transpiring, within the characters in the frame.

But there are other artworks in the show which have political overtones. In those, too, the creative souls have highlighted societal tussle without losing sight of the individual strife.

The exhibition was recently inaugurated by Local Government Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah alongside Khana-i-Farhang Director Dr Saeed Talibi Nia and Arts Council President Ahmed Shah.

The show will conclude on Nov 18, and the participating artists are: Onesmus Okamar (Kenya), Sinenkosi Msomi (Eswatini), M Reza Firdowsi Fard (Iran), Shahid Rassam, Farrukh Shahab, Muhammad Zeeshan, Masood A Khan, Ubaid Syed, Nazar ul Islam, Noman Siddique, Syed Faraz, Saleem Raza, Fahim Rao and Kashif Khan.

SOME of the artworks displayed at the exhibition.—Fahim Siddiqi / White Star

# SHC overturns life terms of four in kidnapping for ransom case

## Sets aside conviction over flawed identification parade and delays in FIR registration

By Ishaq Tanoli

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court (SHC) on Friday overturned the life imprisonment sentence handed down to four appellants by the trial court in a kidnapping for ransom case.

The high court observed that it was a weak case of kidnapping for ransom, as the accused persons remained unidentified at the time of lodging the FIR, and their identification parade was also not held in accordance with the law, making the whole case highly doubtful.

An anti-terrorism court had sentenced Amjad Jawed alias Choudhary Amjad, his son Mumraiz Hussain, Zahoor Illah and Zaheer alias Siddique to life in prison in August last year for abducting Mohammad Arif from his house in New Karachi in June 2023 and later releasing the captive after collecting ransom.

The convicts, through their lawyers, impugned the conviction before the SHC and, after hearing both sides and examining the record and proceedings of the case, a two-judge bench comprising Justice Omar Sial and Justice Miran Muhammad Shah allowed the appeals and set aside the conviction order.

The bench, in its judgment, said that, admittedly, there was a delay of 30 days in the registration of FIR, and no plausible explanation had been given in this regard, while there was a further delay of 14 days in conducting the identification parade.

Apart from the issue of the identification parade, it noted that there were material contradictions in the evidence brought on record, and two key witnesses the wife and nephew of the captive did not participate in any identification parade and claimed to have identified the accused persons only at the time of the incident and such identification has no evidentiary value.

The bench also observed that the identification parade was not held in line with Article 22 of the Qanun-e-Shahdat Order, as a joint identification parade of the accused persons was held, which was against the law and had no evidentiary value.

It further noted that the car, in which the abductee was allegedly taken away, was said to have been recovered and taken into possession, but no record or evidence of such recovery was brought before the trial court.

After the arrest of appellants, the bench further observed that the identification parade was held for three out of four appellants which was indeed a clear anomaly on the part of the prosecution whereas, the parade of the three accused persons was also not conducted in accordance with the law, making the whole prosecution case highly doubtful and such benefit of the doubt must be given to the accused as dicta laid down by the superior courts.

# Students flock to 21st *Dawn* Education Expo for career guidance

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students after they make their profile on the portal.

More help was at hand at the British Council stall. While providing information there, Sara Sulaiman said that they offer undergraduate, postgraduate, Masters and PhD programmes in different universities in the UK along with the scholarship options available.

She also had an easy way to navigate through the multiple options region-wise and course-wise by scanning a QR code or by going to the website study-uk.britishcouncil.org.

Though they came somewhat confused, after getting a good idea about things, most of the students were of the view that it would be better to graduate from local universities and then think about postgraduate studies abroad. For that there were numerous local university representatives there to guide them.

Other than the stalls, there were also workshops, talks and panel discussions by experts in the education field concurrently taking place in the conference area created in one spacious enclosure inside the hotel marquee.

A little class was also underway at a stall. Student facilitator Sadia Faisal at the Digital Micro School stall was working with children from Malir.

"I don't really teach, I facilitate children with tablets, headphones and different English, Urdu and Mathematics applications that are based on gamification," said the facilitator. "The students then learn on their own," she added.

The *Dawn* Education Expo in Karachi wraps up on Sunday following which there will be the day-long Expo in Islamabad at the Serena Hotel on Nov 20 and the two-day Expo in Lahore at the Nishat Hotel (Emporium) in Johar Town.

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